



Count the pairs of blue jeans that can be made from a bale of cotton. Hear the steam whistles of the railroads and steamboats hauling cotton to market. Climb up to the bale press deck to meet the gin hands working there. Trace the route the Mississippi River would have flowed had a Civil War engineering project been successful. Select a variety of music from the jukebox or mix your own music, created with improvised instruments. See how cotton has shaped American history and continues to connect and comfort us today.

Cotton

... a gift from nature



Parking and wheelchair access is behind the main building, using the driveway on the south side.

Free Admission!

Museum Hours:

Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Lake Providence, La.**

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Louisiana State Cotton Museum

*Touch, see, and hear
America's crop*



**Jay Dardenne
Secretary of State**

Join us and experience the *Story of Cotton*



This 7-acre museum complex has a planter's house, more than 100 years old, original to the site and is surrounded by a sharecropper's cabin, commissary, plantation church, replica gin building and exhibit hall. You can see historic footage in our orientation video, operate a music mixing-board, hear the blues on an old time jukebox, listen to a steamboat's whistle and experience other interactive exhibits. This unique culture has shaped not only the South, but much of America.



Our economics, technology, westward movement, Civil War, music, transportation, labor and exports have all been greatly impacted by cotton. No other agricultural crop has had such a dramatic effect on America.



There is a world of history behind the cotton shirt you wear. From field to factory, cotton has historically employed more Americans than any other industry. And no other product has figured so prominently in America's history at home and abroad. Cotton has impacted world trade, technological development, the expansion of America, African-American history, the Civil War and the Great Depression.

